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In re application of:)

Christman, et al.)

Serial No: **10/634,208**)

Filed: **08/05/03**)

For: **Yarn Feed System for a Tufting
Machine**)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby voluntarily discloses the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents. References AA - HF (99 references) were cited in a prior application relied upon by the above-identified application for an earlier filing date. The prior application relied upon is Application Serial No. 10/189,856, filed on July 3, 2002. It is specified in 37 CFR 1.98(d):

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- (1) The earlier application is properly identified in the information disclosure statement and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC 120; and
- (2) The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application complies with paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section."

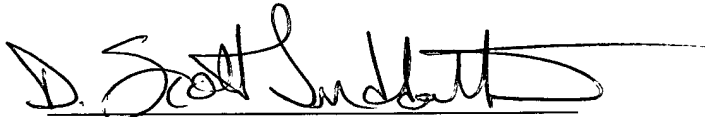
Therefore please review the parent case for references AA – HF (99 references).

Applicant further reserves the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the listed information should they be applied as references, and/or to prove that some of the cited information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that some of the cited information may not be enabling for the teachings they purport to offer. This statement further should not be construed as the representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that the information cited herewith is material, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present Application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the information submitted herein. On the contrary, the Examiner is requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of the information, and to form independent opinions as to their significance.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to account no. 09-0528.

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	AN	CAM with Encore DMC Operator's Manual, Tuftco Corporation, Chattanooga, TN, 1996

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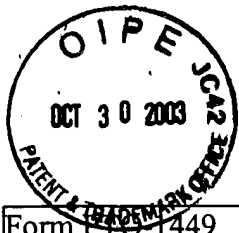
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	BN	Tufting machine schematic, Card-Monroe Corp., Chattanooga, TN 1998
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	CJ	MTInnovation Brochure, Modern Techniques, Inc., Ringgold, GA
	CK	Zieseniss Tufting Machine Operational Manual
	CL	Cobble Tufting Machines L.P. Scroll, 1985/1986
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	CN	Tuftco Corporation Split Rainbow Pattern System Brochure
	CO	Tuftco Corporation Multi-Media PC-Control System Brochure

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	DN	Tuftco "Encore" Yarn Feed Control Brochure, Tuftco Corp., Chattanooga, TN
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	DP	Galil Controllers Help Modern Techniques Computerize Carpet Industry Brochure, Galil Motion Control, Inc., Mountain View, CA

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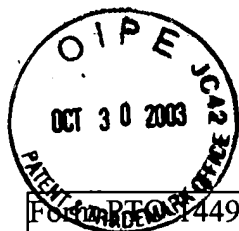
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